Year	Cases decided by the court	Conviction	Acquitted	Conviction rate
1988	14106	6808	7298	48.26%
1989	15303	7726	7577	50.49%
1990	18448	9442	9006	51.18%
1991	10086	4847	5239	48.05%

(c) The main reasons for the acquittal are reluctance of witnesses to appear in the court; their turning hostile, or making contradictory statements and delay in trial proceedings.

(d) and (e):- The Delhi Police have reported that no case relating to the incidents of bomb blasts in 1991 has been decided by the court so far.

Employees Of Passport Offices

5847.SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the employees of the Regional Passport Offices throughout the country come under the administrative control of the Ministry of External Affairs:

(b) If so, whether there are two sets of rules prevalent for the Ministry of External Affairs employees and Regional Passport Office employees;

(c) Whether the employees of the Ministry of External Affairs are given regular promotions in the Groups "B" and "C" whereas there had not been such promotions in the Regional Passport Offices: and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Both categories are given regular promotion in Group "B" and "C" as per respective Rules applicable to them.

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(d) Does not arise.

Production Of Pulses

5848. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the fluctuation in per hectare production of pulses during the last three years;

(b) the percentage of rise/fall in the per capita availability of pulses during the above period;

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(c) the gap between demand and supply of pulsees at the end of 1991;

(d) the comparative reduction in the land under cultivation of pulses during the last three years; and

(e) the strategy formulated by the Government to boost the production of Pulses

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI

MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) The fluctuation in per hectare production (yield) of pulses during the last 3 years is shown as under:

Year	*Yield in kgs/ hectare previous year*	*% age increase / decrease over the*
1987-88	515	-
1988-89	598	(+) 16.1
1989-90	549	(-) 8.2
1990-91	576	(+) 4.9

(b) Percentage of rise/fall in the per capita availability of pulses during the last 3 years us given in the following Table:

Year	*Per capita availability*	*(Kgs. per year) Percentage increase/ decrease over the previous year*
1988	13.4	-
1989	15.3	(+) 14.2
1990	15.1	(-) 1.3
1991	14.5	(-) 4.0

(c) : As per the report of the working Group on Demand and Supply Projections for formulation of Eight Five Year Plan the demand Projections for pulses for 1990-91 was 16.4 million tonnes against actual production levels of 14.06 million tonnes .

(d) The area under pulses during 1987-88 to 1990-91 is given as under:

Year	*Area cultivated (in Lakh hectares)*	*% age increase/ decmease over the previous year.*
1987-88	222.72	-

Year	*Area cultivated (in Lakh hectares)*	*% age increase/ decmease over the previous year.*
1988-89	231.46	(+) 8.8
1989-90	234.15	(+) 1.2
1990-91	243.97	(+) 4.2

(e) Government is implementing the National Pulses Development Project, with the objective to increase the production of pulses through adoption of location specific varieties and improved technology. Emphasis is laid to (i) to (i) increase the area through multiple and inter-cropping (ii) increasing yield per unit of area.

In addition, assistance is provided for seeds, arranging demonstrations, plant protection measures, improved farm implements, training of extension workers etc., Under a Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Special Foodgrain Programme (SFPP) - Pulses.

Projection Of New Economic-Economic Reforms Abroad

5849.SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR:Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/ being taken to project India's new economic reforms in various countries.

(b) Whether Indian Embassies abroad are apprising foreign investors of such reforms;

(c) If not, the reasons there for; and

(d) Whether there is any proposal to set-up new cells in Indian Embassies abroad for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRD):(a) The Ministry of External Affairs has taken prompt and affective action to project India's economic reforms in other countries. Our Missions abroad have been instructed to undertake a comprehensive and coordinated effort to secure the widest possible dissemination of the steps that have been taken to liberalise the economy. In order to enable the Missions to do this effectively, the Ministry has been keeping them fully informed about changes with respect to the new policies and procedures. A composite media package has already been prepared and distributed among our Mission to assist them in this task. The package comprises a set of brochures, a floppy, diskette on the theme "Doing Business with India" and a video cassette entitled "India Land of New Opportunities" An interactive process has been established by which Missions are provided up-to- date information about the economic reform programme on a regular basis. In addition, a special reorientation programme is bring arranged from 30th March, 1992 for Heads of Mission from select target countries. The programme is tailored around the economic reform programme and is aimed, enter alia at enhancing the Mission effectiveness in projecting this programme..